

CHIEF HEALEY PUTS OFFICIAL "NIX" ON "LITTLE A"

The "Little A" dance hall, on 31st near Cottage Grove av., will not be reopened by Ike Bloom, former owner of notorious Freiberg's on 22d, or by Henry Gross, said to be a friend of Ike. Chief Healey refused a permit to Gross yesterday.

The "Little American," as it was called in former years, has been run in a respectable manner lately as the Felicita dance hall. Gross' attempt to secure a license was branded as a stall to open the place wide.

Memories of former affairs in the "Little A" gave backbone to Chief Healey's refusal. Two girls ended their lives in the building, while a hundred others, spurred by booze, slouched dizzily around the dancing floor with their partners to the sway of the latest "rags."

The place was known for years as the hangout for department store girls who found their salaries too meager for sustenance. To the hall from all over the city "swell guys" would come to drink, dance and depart with a shop girl. The place was "live."

Many of the gang that was to be seen in the old times would never have returned had the place opened. Mrs. Alice Rexroat, a tango teacher at the old resort, was murdered by Henry Spencer in Wheaton.

Six of the boys who hung out at the place are in prison, implicated in two auto bandit murders. A dozen others are serving time for offenses varying from auto stealing to robbery.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY

Cleveland, O., June 29.—Brookside Park zoo here has the very latest animal freak—a horned rooster. Zoo Keeper Muldoon believes Dick is the only "deer-rooster" in the world. Dick's antlers are about two inches long. Curving gracefully outward and upward they end in notched points where they are just begin-

ning to fork like the horns of an elk.

Students of American fauna are stumped. They can't explain the phenomenon. And the oddest part of the freak is that the bird is kept in a deer park.

"Maybe Dick's environment brought the horns," says Muldoon. "But he has 'em all right."

GIRL COUNTESS PUT IN PRISON BY GERMANS



Countess Helene
d'Ardey

Countess Helene D'Ardey, the 16-year-old girl imprisoned by Germans because she "preferred a king to an emperor."

The picnic lunch is just a trifle fuller of ants and bugs this summer than in ordinary years but they fail to spoil the fun; lovers can't tell them from current jelly.